

Lansdown Model Flying Club Rules. 2015

These rules shall apply to all persons whilst operating on any site officially approved and recognised by the Club. No person is permitted to fly without current BMFA insurance. Your LMFC membership card and proof of BMFC insurance cover must be carried at all times.

The Site. The official club flying site comprises the area known as Lansdown North Playing Field, Bath. Over-flying of highways, houses, persons, organised games and the designated pits area is not permitted and flying must always be in accordance with the site rules and general rules laid down in the BMFA Members Handbook. All models must stay within the boundaries of the designated playing field. This is specified in the BAMES terms and conditions for our use of this site.

1. **Flying requirements.** Only pilots with an LMFC achievement certificate or a BMFA 'A' certificate are permitted to fly "solo" in the absence of an approved instructor or BMFA 'B' certificate holder. Tuition can be pre-arranged with a designated club flying instructor.
2. **Transmitter rules.** All members must ascertain who else may be on their transmitter frequency upon arrival at the site. 35 & 27mhz. transmitters must NOT be switched on until a peg with your name and frequency number has been put on the peg board. All 35 & 27mhz. transmitters must have a frequency number and correct colour pennant displayed at all times.
3. **Types and sizes of models permitted.** Operation is restricted to various types of fixed wing and auto giro model aircraft only.
No Helicopters are permitted to fly on the site.
4. **Flight Line and Pits area.** The flight line is on a line running from the radio transmitter tower near the race course to the northern wooded boundary of the bungalow to the left of the entrance to the site. Flying behind this flight line is strictly forbidden. No aircraft should be taxied to or from the flight-line under its own power. It should be carried or pulled to and from the flight line. Anyone proposing to take off must clearly state "taking off" to announce their intention to other flyers and ascertain that it is clear to do so. Similarly if intending to land the model they are flying they must give plenty of advance warning by stating "Landing" to all others on the flight line. The Pits area is defined as being 5 metres forward of the concrete/grass interface where members sit to watch the flying. No models can be started on the concrete sitting area to avoid any risk to spectators and must be prepared/worked on in the defined Pits Area.

5. **Numbers of flying models at any one time.** The maximum number of models in the air at the same time will not exceed **FIVE** of mixed type and in addition there are specific limits for IC 2-stroke powered models as per clause 7 below.
6. **Restricted Flying Times for IC powered models.**
The Council has advised that there will be NO Flying on Sundays until further notice.
Any day of the week flying IC models can only take place from 10am to 5pm with a maximum of **THREE** 2-stroke aircraft flying at any one time. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings flying is permitted from 5pm till 8pm, daylight permitting. Between these times the maximum number of 2-stroke planes flying at any one time is limited to **TWO**.
7. **Electric and silent flight Aircraft.**
The Council has advised that there will be NO flying of any plane on Sundays until further notice.
There are no restrictions at all on the hours electric/silent flight aircraft can fly except on Sundays. However there must never be more than a maximum of **FIVE** aircraft in the air at any one time.
8. **Dead Stick.** If a pilot has an engine cut he shall call out “Dead Stick” and must be given priority for landing over any other models in the air.
9. **Unacceptable behaviour.** Any behaviour by a Club Member which is prejudicial to the continued use of any of the club’s facilities will be considered by the committee and may result in the expulsion of the offender from the club. Any threatening behaviour by a member can result in immediate dismissal from the club.
10. **Junior Members.** Junior members under the age of 16 are only permitted to fly on the flying site whilst accompanied by a parent or Guardian.
11. **Visitors.** Visiting pilots may not fly without proof of valid BMFA insurance and proof of at least a BMFA “A” certificate.
12. **Dogs.** No dogs are allowed on the site.
13. **Site cleanliness and security.** The site must be left clean and tidy before you leave and any model debris taken home. The last person to leave **must** ensure that the gates are locked if no Council staff are on site.
14. **Site safety.** The Safety Officer, or a Committee member, is duly authorised to order the immediate landing of any aircraft should any of the site hire conditions, BMFA rules, Club rules or Bye-Laws be infringed. Members must not fly in such a manner that is likely to endanger other members or visitors to the site. Compliance with articles 55 and 56 of the air Navigation Order, CAP 658 is mandatory.

15. Disciplinary Procedure.

Any person facing disciplinary action should be made aware of the incident(s) and issues involved and should be informed that the matter is to be considered by the committee.

16. The Committee should meet to review each case based upon the facts gained from those witnessing the incident(s).

17. The Committee should agree upon the relevant action to be taken. Each offender/case will be judged on its/their own merits. The Committee may request the person(s) involved to present their/his/her case to the Committee but the Committee is not obliged to do so. The final decision of the Committee will be recorded with a disciplinary letter sent to the individual(s) concerned and where there has been a serious breach of safety issues then BANES will be informed advising them of actions to be taken. (This is to cover LMFC in case the individual ignores the club's conditions whilst continuing to fly under the banner of the LMFC).

18. In the case of the individual being banned from club membership then LMFC subscriptions will be returned to the member (pro-rotta).

19. If subsequently the individual concerned wants to re-join the club then this must via a written application and sent to the Chairman or Club Membership Secretary. The committee will consider any such application and decide what terms and conditions would apply for any reconsideration of club membership. A letter will be sent to the individual explaining the decision made and any criteria required. This will be logged for future reference.

20. A banned member who applies and is accepted to rejoin the club will join the bottom of any outstanding new member's waiting list.

21. Any further issues or problems recorded against the individual, whilst under any stated probation period will result in a permanent ban from LMFC.

22. **Rules review.** Rules shall be subject to annual review and ratification at the Annual General Meeting. Any member not adhering to the rules can be expelled from the club.

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Solo flying certificate.

_____ was tested by
_____, an authorised flying
instructor of the club and has been deemed ready to fly
solo under the club rules at the club flying site without
having to be accompanied by another club member who
holds either a LMFC solo flying certificate or a BMFA
“A” or “B” certificate.

Signed by _____

(Authorised club tester-instructor)

Signed by _____

(Member approved for solo flying)

Dated:-

A copy of this signed certificate must be kept by the Club Secretary.